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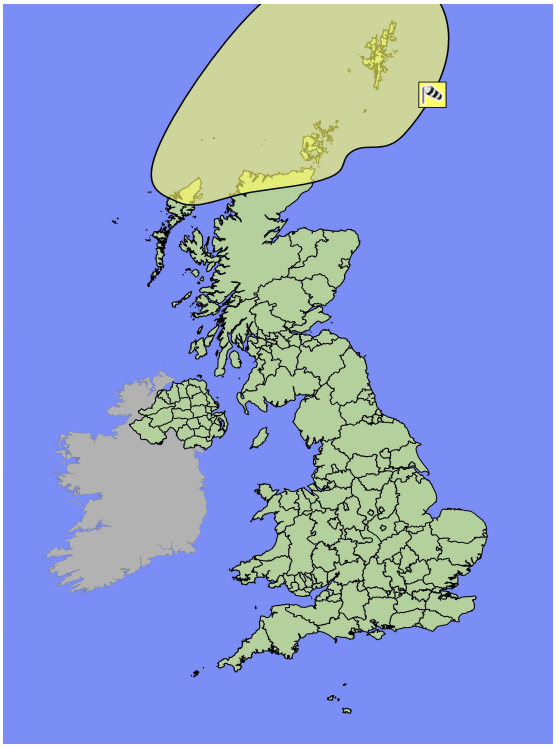

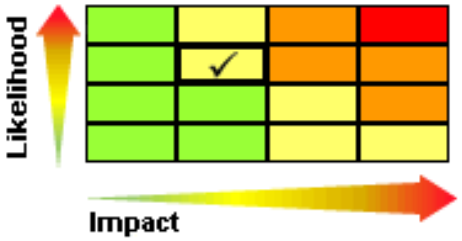

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A very energetic flow across the Atlantic will being a deep low passing close to the Faeroe Islands on Christmas Day. A swathe of very strong winds on its southern flank will cross the far north of Scotland, though as always with features of this type, there is some uncertainty about its depth and track. There are some indications that winds could be especially strong across northern parts of Shetland and developments will continue to be monitored closely.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **10:00 on Sun, 25th Dec 2011** until **21:00 on Sun, 25th Dec 2011**

Winds will increase across the north of Scotland on Christmas day, with gusts of 70 to 80 mph likely across the Northern Isles as well as the far north of both the Western Isles and Scottish mainland. There is a lower risk of 90 mph plus especially over northern parts of Shetland. The public should be aware of the risk of some disruption to transport, and of the possibility that this warning may be upgraded to amber.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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  - Eilean Siar
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  - Orkney Islands
  - Shetland Islands

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